

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant affirms election of the claims of Group II according to the restriction requirement, as described in the Office action.

Upon entry of these amendments, claims 36, 37, 41, 42, 50-52, and new claims 69-96 are pending. Claims 1-23, 53-63 and 65-68 are cancelled as drawn to non-elected claims. Claims 24-35, 38-39, 43-49, and 64 are cancelled to expedite prosecution of the present case. For the record, Applicant does not agree with the Examiner on the present rejections and reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter in continuing applications.

Applicant has amended the specification to delete reference to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,885,956 and 6,288,301.

As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has amended the specification to add generic terminology at each iteration of the trademark "INTTM." Support for this amendment is found at page 3, line 31 of the specification.

Applicant notes that dependent claim 40, the subject matter of which was found to be allowable, has been rewritten as independent claim 69, from which claims 41, 42, 50, and new claims 70-90 depend. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in the original claims and throughout the specification.

Claim 37, which has been indicated as being allowable, has been amended to correct various informalities.

No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Because claims 29-31 and 38 have now been cancelled, the objection to these claims is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 29-32, 39, 43-49, and 64 are rejected for being indefinite. These claims are now cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

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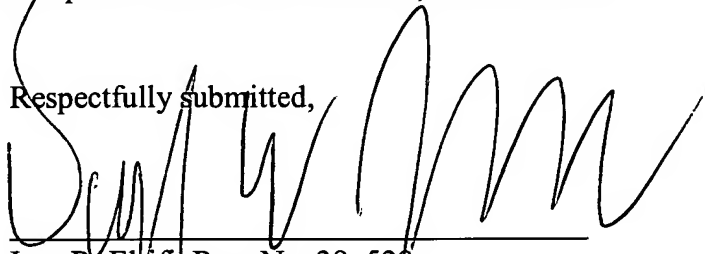
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 24-28, 33-35, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) in view of U.S. patent No. 5,885,956. These claims are now cancelled, and this rejection may now be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

A petition for extension of time accompanies this paper. Although no additional fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24492-006.

Respectfully submitted,



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